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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 14	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 14	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 14	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

The following documents are referred to in this report:

- D1: KR 2004-0006955 A (24.01.2004)
- D2: Pharm. Dev. Technol. Vol.7(2). pp.249-255 (May 2002)
- D3: J. Pharm. Sci. Vol.91(1), pp.111-116 (Jan. 2002)
- D4: KR 1996-006910 A (22.03.1996)

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

Claims 1-14 of the present invention relate to a composition for stabilizing epigallocatechin gallate(EGCG) in water phase comprising EGCG, cationic polymer (chitosan, lysine, polyvinylpyrrolidone etc.), anionic polymer (polyethyleneoxide, polyethyleneglycol, cellulose, gelatin, etc.), antioxidant, and hydrophilic solvent; a preparation method thereof; and a cosmetic, pharmaceutical, and food composition containing the said composition comprising stabilized EGCG.

D1 discloses a complex of collagen-EGCG and a prosthetics containing the said complex, D2 discloses that anhydrous glycerin-based Carbopol (acrylic acid cross-linked with polyalkenyl ether or divinyl glycol) gels are promising vehicles for EGCG since the stability data showed no degradation of EGCG had occurred.

D3 discloses that butylated hydroxytoluene in glycerin produced the greatest stability improvement for EGCG.

D4 discloses chitosan microspheres incorporating EGCG and a cosmetic composition comprising the said chitosan microspheres.

None of D1-D4 discloses the said composition for stabilizing EGCG and a preparation method thereof in claims 1-14 of the present invention.

In addition, there is no Implication or suggestion in D1-D4 to lead those who skilled in the art to expect that cationic polymer, anionic polymer, and antioxidant can be used at the same time to increase the stability of EGCG in water phase.

Therefore, the novelty and inventive step of claims 1-14 can be acknowledged over D1-D4 [Article 33(2) and 33(3) PCT]. (Continued on the Supplemental Sheet.)

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of:

Box V.

2. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1-14 appears to be industrially applicable [Article 33(4) PCT].